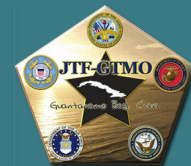


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U.S. Military Code of Conduct

Military Code of Conduct – Consists of six articles and provides guidance on how to conduct ourselves, including if captured. While U.S. service members look to the Code of Conduct for guidance when captured, al-Qaeda terrorists follow the manual referred to as the Manchester Document.

- **I am an American**, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.
- **I will never surrender** of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.
- **If I am captured**, I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.
- **If I become a prisoner of war**, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. **If I am senior**, I will take command. If not, **I will obey the lawful orders** of those appointed over me, and will back them up in every way.
- When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give only name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.
- I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

The Manchester Document

Manchester Document – The terrorist training manual found in the apartment of a suspected al Qaeda member in Manchester, England in May 2000. Below are some excerpts from the manual:

- The confrontation that we are calling for with the apostate regimes does not know Socratic debates... Platonic ideals...nor Aristotelian diplomacy. But it knows the dialogue of bullets, the ideals of assassination, bombing and destruction and the diplomacy of the cannon and machine-gun.
- Islamic governments have never and will never be established through peaceful solutions and cooperative councils. They are established as they (always) have been...by pen and gun...by word and bullet...by tongue and teeth.

Prison and Detention Centers Chapter – This chapter of the manual gives guidance on how to specifically respond to conditions of detention:

- **About trial** - "...once more the brothers must insist on proving that torture was inflicted on them... before the judge."
- **About hunger strikes** - "it is possible to resort to a hunger strike, but it is a tactic that can either succeed or fail."
- **During the trial** - "...the court has to be notified of any mistreatment of the brothers inside the prison."
- **About visits** - "Take advantage of visits to communicate with brothers outside prison and exchange information that may be helpful to them in their work outside prison...the importance of mastering the art of hiding messages is self-evident here."
- **On Gathering Information** - "Information benefits the organization's command by providing information about the enemy's strengths and weaknesses...movements of the enemy and his members."